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## Phoenix – Goodyear Airport Area/Western Avenue Plume Community Advisory Group Meeting

Wednesday, October 19, 2005  
6:30p.m. to 8:30p.m.  
Goodyear City Hall, Room 117  
190 N. Litchfield Road  
Goodyear, Arizona

### FINAL MINUTES

CAG members present: Thomas H. Jones, Jr.; David Day; Dr. Fred Scott; Sheri Michele Lauritano; Bob Smith

Members absent: Diane Krone; Keith Longley; Susan Kagan

ADEQ Staff in attendance: Veronica Garcia, Outreach Unit Manager

EPA Staff in attendance: None

Members of the public present: David Iwanski, City of Goodyear

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The following matters were discussed, considered, and decided upon at the meeting:

#### **1. Call to Order / Introduction**

Veronica Garcia, ADEQ Community Outreach Supervisor, welcomed everyone and introduced Mr. Thomas Jones, CAG Co-Chair, who facilitated the rest of the meeting. CAG members and all meeting attendees introduced themselves.

#### **2. Discussion and Voting on Potential New CAG Member: Matthew Garlick**

Dr. Fred Scott asked Ms. Garcia to consult with a representative of the Arizona Attorney General's Office regarding whether there can be an action taken during a work session. According to parliamentary rules, no action can or will be taken during a work session.

Dr. Fred Scott asked if there was any conflict of interest in Mr. Garlick joining the CAG since he works for the Litchfield Park Service Company (LPSCo.). Mr. Iwanski stated that there was no conflict as long as he met the residence criteria. Mr. David Day stated that the CAG would benefit from having someone like Mr. Garlick as a member since he is knowledgeable about the current water management situation in the area.

Mr. Garlick did not attend the meeting. Mr. Day spoke with him via telephone prior to the meeting and Mr. Garlick expressed his interest in joining the CAG. Mr. Jones stated that he

would call Mr. Garlick to ask him to attend the next meeting and to confirm his interest in joining the CAG. Mr. Jones also stated that he would contact Keith Longley to determine if he is still interested in being a CAG member.

### **3. Work Session: Development and Dissemination of Outreach Materials to the Community**

Ms. Garcia distributed to the CAG members a handout to help guide the work session. The handout facilitated discussion on what is the specific message to be conveyed, who is the audience, how to disseminate the information, and work assignments. Dr. Scott stated that the purpose of the work session is to develop the information for dissemination to the community to increase public attendance at CAG meetings.

#### Message to be conveyed:

Dr. Scott stated that the CAG should put together in a few well chosen words the following information: very brief site description and history; current and future remedial plans and actions; comparison of progress of remediation at PGA-South and PGA-North; CAG's role and involvement; and available opportunities for public involvement in finding a solution to the current situation.

Mr. Day stated that it is very important to present a balanced and accurate message to the community. He further stated that the message needs to emphasize remedial plan and actions.

Mr. Jones informed the CAG that he had developed a four page pamphlet on PGA-North and PGA-South covering most of the items to be included in the CAG's message to be community. Mr. Jones will e-mail it to the rest of the CAG. The pamphlet describes the site and identifies contaminants present at the site, government agencies overseeing cleanup, and potential responsible parties (PRPs). The message needs to include a timeline for remediation activities. Ms. Sheri Lauritano and Dr. Scott stated that the message should not include information that is too technical. In regards to public health and environmental impacts, Ms. Lauritano and Dr. Scott stated that most people will not understand a technical description of the side effects. Dr. Scott suggested using the following language: there are chemicals such as TCE and possibly perchlorate, and traces of heavy metals that are toxic if ingested at various concentrations. The CAG members agreed that the message should mention the three sites.

#### Who is the audience?

Many elected officials are not aware of the problems regarding water management and the PGA-WA Superfund site. Mr. Day suggested writing a letter to the President of Crane Co. giving a balanced report and pointing out the lack of remediation and progress at the PGA-North site; local and state representatives would be copied. Dr. Scott emphasized that the purpose of the community outreach is to stir up interest and not scare the community. Dr. Scott asked if the CAG is limited to disseminating information to the City of Goodyear and possibly Avondale. Anything that is conveyed from CAG to ADEQ and EPA becomes a public record that can be disseminated to anyone. It will serve to educate all elected officials at all levels about this issue which affects public health. Public health and safety is a top priority for the City of Goodyear Mayor and City Council.

#### How to disseminate the information?

Dr. Day stated that the information has to come from the CAG and not the regulatory agencies. It will be shared with EPA and ADEQ as a professional courtesy. ADEQ and EPA have no editorial rights over what is produced by the CAG.

Mr. Jones asked if the CAG can ask City of Goodyear representatives to present information at HOAs. Dr. Scott stated that the City of Goodyear has council representatives assigned to home owners associations (HOAs) and that the CAG can request that the council representative facilitate a presentation at HOAs. The CAG needs to make sure that simple but effective visual aides are available for public meetings. The West Valley View articles are good but they fail to get to the non-responsiveness of Crane Co. The CAG needs to address this issue.

Mr. Jones asked how often the informational materials should be sent out. Mr. Day stated that the CAG needs to emphasize the balanced message and send it out when there are significant updates to share with the community. Dr. Scott stated that the CAG can assess at each meeting if it is ready to contact the community again via a Q&A session. Dr. Scott stated that the CAG should use the West Valley View, the west valley section of the Arizona Republic, and HOAs.

Action Items: Mr. Jones will mail the informational pamphlet he drafted to Mr. David Iwanski. Mr. Iwanski and City of Goodyear staff will draft a brochure. The draft brochure will be discussed at the December 8, 2005 CAG meeting. The document will be presented to Goodyear City Council for endorsement. If and when endorsement is obtained, the brochure will be sent to Avondale City Council for endorsement. If and when endorsement is obtained, the brochure will be sent to EPA and ADEQ for their information. The informational brochure will be sent to communities in Goodyear and Avondale as well as district representatives and state legislators.

#### **4. Call to the Public**

#### **5. Next Meeting Date and Agenda Discussion**

The next CAG meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 8, 2005. Proposed agenda items for the meetings are: follow up on the work session: Development and Dissemination of Outreach Materials to the Community, voting on Mr. Matthew Garlick's application for CAG membership, and a City of Goodyear report by Mr. Dave Iwanski.

#### **6. Adjournment**

Thomas H. Jones, Jr., CAG Co-Chair, adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.